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The Right Honourable

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Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled.

Die Mercurii 3 Martii 1714

Most Gracious Sovereign;

WE your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, Beg leave to Approach Your Royal Person with the greatest Respect, to Return the humble Thanks of this House to Your Majesty for Your Most Gracious Speech from the Throne. We Chearfully Embrace this Opportunity of Assuring Your Majesty, That the Joy our Hearts are filled with upon Your Recovery from your late Indisposition, cannot sufficiently be Expressed ; And that our fervent Prayers to Almighty God shall never be wanting, That Your Majesty's Reign may exceed in Number of Years, and in all manner of Happiness, that of the longest and most Prosperous of any of your Royal Predecessors, as that which will best Conduce to the Happiness and Satisfaction of the most Dutiful Subjects to the best of Queens.

It is with the greatest Pleasure and the utmost Gratitude that this House Receives the Communication Your Majesty is Pleas'd to give them, that the Ratifications of your Treaties of Peace and Commerce with Spain are Exchanged, and that we are, by Your Majesty's great Wisdom and Goodness, at last delivered from that Consuming Land War, the Burthens and ill Consequences whereof we are Sensible nothing can Remove or Prevent, but a right Improvement of the Present Opportunity ; And it shall

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shall be our Endeavour, as we are satisfied, it will be Your Majesty's, to Unite our Differences, not by Relaxing from the strictest Adherence to our Constitution in Church and State, but by Observing the Laws our Selves, and to the utmost of our Power, Enforcing a due Obedience to them in others.

And we assure your Majesty, that this House will most heartily concur with your Majesty in all proper Methods to compleat the Settlement of Europe, And we will use our utmost Endeavours to Discourage and Discountenance all Attempts to weaken your Majesty's Authority, or to render the Possession of the Crown uneasy to you.

We acknowledge with Hearts full of Duty and Thankfulness, that great Care which your Majesty has taken during the whole Course of your Reign, to secure our Religion and Liberties, and to transmit both safe to Posterity.

It is with the utmost Detestation, that we reflect on the Proceedings of those Men, who by spreading seditious Papers and Factious Rumours, have been able to sink Credit, and thereby to involve the Innocent in the ill Consequences of their Iniquity, and more particularly of those who have attained to that Height of Malice, as to insinuate, that the Protestant Succession in the House of Hanover is in Danger under your Government.

Her Majesty's most Gracious Answer.

My Lords,

I Return you my most Heartly Thanks for your very affectionate Address.

You who are nearest to the Throne will first, of all my Subjects, feel the evil Consequences of any Diminution of the Regal Dignity.

It is a great Comfort to me, that I have your Assurance of Support.

Depend upon it, I will never give Way to the least Attempt either on the just Authority of the Crown, or on your Rights and Privileges.

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